

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**EXPEDITED PROCESSING**  
**RULE 312 AMENDMENT**

Tanida

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Serial No.: 10/670,277

Examiner: Koehler, R.

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For: Martensitic Stainless Steel and Method for Manufacturing the Same

**37 CFR 1.312 AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance, and in conjunction with the undersigned's discussion with Examiner Koehler on July 8, 2004, this amendment is being filed to correct an oversight in the claims and the specification. Please amend the application as follows: